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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Universities –Dravidian University - Allegations levelled against the present Vice – Chancellor who is acted against the Executive Council Resolution dated 01.04.2021 and awarded 356 Ph.D. Degrees without the approval of the Executive Council – Inquiry Officer – Appointed -Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (VC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.30 Dated:23.02.2023.

Read:
Report received from the State Level Committee dated 21.08.2021.

ORDER:

Whereas, it has been noticed of the Government that certain allegations levelled against the present Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian University who is acted against the Executive Council Resolution dated 01.04.2021 and awarded 356 Ph.D. Degrees, without the approval of the Executive Council, which has the authority to award a degree.

2. And whereas, the State Level Committee in its report read above, observed that awarding of Ph.D Degrees are in violations of UGC Regulations and Hon'ble High Court orders and also issuing notification for awarding Ph.D degrees by the then Vice-Chancellors and the Present Vice-Chancellor and other in violation of Hon'ble High Court orders and UGC Regulations.

3. And whereas, as per sub-section (1A) of Section 11 of the Dravidian University Act, 1997 (Act No.17 of 1997):-

> "The Vice-Chancellor shall not be removed from his office except by an order of the Chancellor passed on the ground of wilful omission or refusal to carry out the provisions of this Act, or abuse of the powers vested in him and after due enquiry ordered by the Government, by the Lokayukta or by **such person who is or has been a Judge of High Court or Supreme Court** as may be appointed by the Chancellor in which the Vice-Chancellor shall have an opportunity of making his representation against such removal"

4. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby appoint Hon'ble Sri Justice B. Seshasayana Reddy, Judge (Retired), High Court of Andhra Pradesh as Inquiry Officer under sub-section (1A) of Section 11 of the Dravidian University Act, 1997 (Act No.17 of 1997) to enquire on the following aspects ;-

(a) to enquire the total episode of admissions, evaluation and awarding Ph.D Degrees in violations of UGC Regulations and Hon'ble High Court orders and also issuing notification for awarding Ph.D degrees by the then Vice-Chancellors and the Present Vice-Chancellor and other in violation of Hon'ble High Court orders and UGC Regulations.

(b) to enquire the motives for not placing the Court orders before the Executive council and proposal for award of Ph.D degree before the Academic Senate which is the body for taking policy decisions on the academic matters.

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(c) to enquire the motives for not taking corrective steps or action by the University as per rules in force based on the two member committee report to till date.

(d) to identify the person or persons responsible for the lapse and nature of punishment to be imposed.

(e) to suggest the further course of action on the Ph.D degrees awarded in violation of UGC Regulations.

5. The Inquiry Officer shall submit his report to Government within 45 days from the date of issue of this order.

6. The expenditure of the Committee shall be met from the internal funds of the Dravidian University, Kuppam.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J SYAMALA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Justice B.Seshasayana Reddy, Judge (Retired),
High Court of Andhra Pradesh(through the Secretary, APSCHE)
The State Level Committee,
O/o. the A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri
The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
The Registrar, Dravidian University, Kuppam.
Copy to:
The P.S. to Spl.Chief Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Vijayawada
The P.S. to Spl.Chief Secretary to C.M.
The OSD to Minister (Education).

// FORWARDE:: BY ORDER//

SK Kumaran
SECTION OFFICER